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The humble Proposals of the Commissioners *of Your Majesties* Kingdome of Scotland.

Most gracious Soveraign,

WE your Majesties humble and faithfull Subjects, considering that the mutuall relation betwixt your Majesties Kingdomes of *Scotland* and *England*, is such that they must either stand or fall together, and the disturbance of the one, must needs disquiet and distemper the Peace of the other, as hath been often acknowledged by them both, and especially in the late treaty, which is ratified in *Parliament*, and confirmed by the publike Faith of the Estates of your ancient and native king-

Kingdom of *Scotland*, ſo that they are bound to maintain the peace and liberties of one another, being highly concerned therein, as the aſſured means of the ſafety and preſervation of their owne, and finding our ſelves warranted and obliged, by all meanes to labour to keep a right underſtanding betwixt your Majeſty, and your people: to confirme that brotherly affection begun betwixt the two Nations: to advance their Unity by all ſuch wayes as may tend to the glory of God, and peace of the Church and State of both kingdomes; and likewiſe to proffer out ſervice for the removing all Jealouſies, and miſtakings which may ariſe betwixt your Majeſty and this Kingdome, and our beſt endeavours for the better eſtabliſhment of the affairs and quiet of the ſame.

That both your Majeſties Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England*, may be united in the enjoying of their liberties in peace under your Maieſties ſcepter, which is the moſt aſſured foundation of your Maieſties honour and greatneſſe, and of the ſecurity of your Royall Perſon, Crown, and *Dignity*. We have taken the boldneſſe to ſhew to your Maieſty, *viz.*

I.

That we are heartily ſorry and grieved to behold theſe diſtractions which encreaſe dayly betwixt your Maieſty and your people, and which we conceive are entertained by the wicked plots and practiſes of Papiſts and their Adherents, whoſe aym in all theſe troubles hath been not only to prevent all further Reformation, but alſo to ſubvert the purity and truth of Religion, within all your Maieſties *Kingdoms*.

For which end, their conſtant endeavours have been to ſtirre up diviſions betwixt your Maieſty and your people, by their queſtioning the Authority of *Parliament*, and the lawfull liberties of the ſubiects, and really weakning your Maieſties power, and Authority Royall, upon pretence of extending the ſame, whereof by Gods providence being diſappointed in your Maieſties Kingdom of *Scotland*, they have now converted their miſchievous Counſels, Conſpiracies, and Attempts, to produce theſe diſtempers in your Maieſties Kingdom of *England and Ireland*,

II.

And therefore according to our duty to your Maiesty, to testifie our Brotherly affection to this Kingdom, and acquit our selves of the trust imposed upon Us, we do make offer of our humble Endeavours for composing of these differences, and to that purpose do beseech your Maiesty in these extremities, to have recourse to the sound and faithfull advise of your great Councell, and to repose thereupon as the only assured and happy means to establish the prosperity and quiet of this Kingdom, and in the depth of your Royall Wisedome, to consider and prevent these apprehensions of Feare, which may possesse the hearts of your Maiesties subiects in your other Kingdoms, if they shall conceive the Authority of *Parliaments* and the Rights and Liberties of the subiects, to be here called in question.

III.

And we are confident, if your Maiesty shall be graciously pleased to take in good part, and give care to these our faithfull and humble desires, that the successe of your Maiesties affaires, howsoever now perplexed, shall be happy to your Maiesty, and Joyfull to all your people, over whom that your May long and prosperous Reigne, is the constant and fervent prayer of Us your Maiesties faithfull subiects, and servants.

These Proposals were agreed upon, and assented to, by the Representative Councell of Scotland, *in the Name of themselves, and all the Commoners of that Nation.*

The Answer of the Commoners of England, *to the Proposals and Desires of the Commissioners of Scotland, presented to the Kings most Excellent Majesty.*

THE House of Commons are very sensible, and do tenderly & affectionately consider, that this your dutifull and faithfull advise, is a large testimony of your fidelity to the King, affection to this State, and of Wisedome, for honour, security, and peace of his Majesty, and both Kingdoms, and not only very acceptable to this house but likewise of great advantage to both Nations.

They cleerly perceive, you rightly understand the causes of our distempers, and your carefull endeavours to comply with them in the quietting and removing of the same: That the Brotherly communion lately confirmed by both *Parliaments of England and Scotland*, bind them both to maintain the peace and liberties of one another, being highly concerned equally therein, as the assured meanes of the safety and preservation of both, and being so united, the disturbance of the one must needs disquiet and distemper the peace of the other, as hath been acknowledged by them both.

They are likewise sensible that those wayes which you in your wisedoms have advised his *Maiesty* to take, are the onely meanes to settle peace and unity in this Kingdom, which are:

I.

To endeavour to procure a right understanding between his Majesty and his people, by which his Maiesty may truly understand the reall causes of these disturbances, and who are the Authors thereof, who are his faithfull and loyall subjects, who are his faithfull and dutifull Councellours, and who not: by this meanes shall the brotherly affection begun betwixt the two Nations be confirmed by all such meanes, as may tend to the glory of God, and peace of the Church

Church and ſtate of both Kingdoms, will their unity be advanced, and all miſtakes and Jealouſies which may ariſe betwixt his *Maieſty* and this Kingdom be removed, and the eſtabliſhment of the affairs and quiet of the ſame, ſetled in ſuch a manner as may bee the perpetuall peace and tranquility of the ſame, the liberties and priviledges of his Maieſties ſubiects freely enioyed under his Royall ſcepter, which is the moſt aſſured Foundation of his Maieſties Honour, and Greatneſſe, of the ſecurity of His Royall Perſon, Crowne, and Dignity.

II.

The removall and prevention of all ſuch plots and practiſes which they conceive are enterained by the Papiſts and their Adherents, whoſe ayme in all theſe troubles hath been not only to prevent all further Reformation, but alſo to ſubvert the purity and truth of Religion within all His Maieſties Kingdomes, For which end, their conſtant endeavours have been to ſtir up diviſion betwixt His *Majeſty* and His *People*, by their queſtioning the Authority of *Parliaments*, and the lawfull liberties of the ſubiects, and really weakning His *Majeſties power and Authority Royall*, upon pretence of defending the ſame, which miſchievous Councels, Conſpiracies, and Attempts, hath produced theſe diſtempers in His *Majeſties* Kingdomes of *England* and *Ireland*.

III.

That His *Majeſty* would be pleaſed to have recourſe onely to the ſound and faithfull adviſe of His *Parliament*, and to depend thereupon as the aſſured and happy means to eſtabliſh the proſperity & quiet of this Kingdome, and in His Royall wiſdome to conſider & prevent theſe apprehenſions of feare which may poſſeſſe the hearts of His *Majeſties* ſubiects in His *Majeſties* other Kingdoms, if they ſhall conceive the Authority of *Parliaments*, and the Rights and liberties of the ſubiects, &c

Theſe your faithfull and loyall propoſitions is the greateſt demonſtrations of your affections, faithfully united and devoted to the ſecurity of His *Majeſty*, and your hearty wiſhes and deſires of the

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peace and prosperity, aswell of His *Majesties* Kingdom of *England*, as *Scotland and Ireland*: these *Propositions* have been the onely endeavours and intentions of His *Majesties* High Court of *Parliament*, to effect and make manifest to all men: And in any other means whatsoever that shall by you be conceived necessary to the composing and setling of these present distractions, they declare themselves desirous to have the same communicated unto them, and they shall be right Joyfull and thankfull therefore, and will willingly and cheerfully joyn with you in the same.

IT was Ordred by the Honourable House of Commons, that this Answer should be communicated to the Commissioners of the Kingdome of Scotland.